



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **INTERIM CITY FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – 12/4/2012**

Santa Barbara City Fire Chief Andy DiMizio will retire from his position on December 14 after 38 years of public service. City Administrator Jim Armstrong has appointed Fire Operations Division Chief Pat McElroy to serve as the Interim Fire Chief.

Chief McElroy has worked with the City's Fire Department for 32 years, where he has served in various leadership positions since 1990. As the Fire Operations Division Chief, he manages 95 firefighting personnel, eight fire stations, and the airport rescue and firefighting operation. He has extensive experience cooperating with regional and state fire agencies and commanding citywide emergencies, including the most recent Tea and Jesusita Fires. He received a Bachelor's degree from UCSB.

An executive recruitment process is currently underway with a permanent appointment anticipated in early 2013.

A photo of Chief McElroy can be found at the following link: [Photo of Chief McElroy](#)

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